Action plan for women

1926. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently suggested that an action plan may be prepared for informal sector keeping in view women;

(b) whether the Department of Women and Child Development has taken any action in the matter;

(c) whether any consultation have been held with any organisations and NGOs; and

(d) if so, by when, the action plan is likely to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister, while addressing the "Gender Poverty Summit" in New Delhi on 9th November, 2003, had urged the need to tap the potential of the unorganized sector for poverty eradication. He had also urged the Ministry of Finance to prepare an action plan keeping in view gender issues in association with other Ministries, banks, financial institutions and NGOs.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Dual education policy

†1927. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have also made a provision for board examinations for class V and VIII.

(b) whether it is also a fact that on the other side Central Government are going to make the board examination of class X in CBSE/Kendriya Vidyalayas as grade based instead of marks based; and

(c) if so, what is the justification for this dual education policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN

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